

Dear Gerry,

3/10/96

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd.

I knew I'd^{be} been given a printout of more than 750 pages of Case Open by New York and recalled, as you confirm, correctly, that you had printed out more, so it is a mystery why when Jerry had a printout made it was so different. If I was given two diskettes, I do not recall that.

I had wanted some of the unused^{ed} content to be available to Hal Verb, a San Francisco friend, for a book he is writing.

The Holly Ivins article is up to her usual standard! It is fine!

Dennis also had mentioned his hope for a trip with Nancy. We hope you can both make it, you with H-T and the kids.

We'll probably know this coming Tuesday when Lil's hip replacement will be. We see the surgeon then. It will be after the tax season. While I look forward to the benefit that can be for her it will bring new problems because of my physical limitations. I hope we can learn more about that on Tuesday. If not I'll consult a friend who is a nurse with the county health department.

It will be fine if Hanh-Trang can get back to Vietnam and if you can all go with her. It is also good that her job situation seems to be improving.

All things considered we have made out^{as well} with the severity of the winter as we could have hoped. We've not been snowed in but^{thanks to a neighbor} the cold and the windchill have confined^{ed} us. My body tells me it misses the reduced walking and from time to time, like yesterday, I underestimate the windchill. It knock^s me out for the rest of the day when it was more than it seemed at the house.

Dennis and Nancy have been wonderful in plugging ahead with Inside. Locally I'm having the Hosty manuscript retyped by a well-intending man who has wasted much of his time and mine on it. I should have a cassette for you and Dennis on it soon. If he does not make the corrections I've indicated this time I'll prepare an errata sheet and end that. The two Hood students who are supposed to be doing more are silent and I assume non-productive and when I can I'll replace them. A friend in California has his daughter about to start on what I've added to Waketh. They are getting a new computer. I've finished what I intend to do on Groden's The Killing of a President and this coming week I'll be getting his The Search for Lee Harvey Oswald and will get to work on that.

We do hope you^{all} can make the trip here. Thanks and best to you all,

Hurd

March 3, 1996

Dear Harold,

Regarding your last letter (2/27) in which you observed that a friend got a print out of Case Open which included only nine chapters, I want to assure you that this was not my experience. The copy I got printed out was roughly 760 pages, including 32 chapters and an Epilogue. It is sitting in a fairly big box on my desk. In fact, I remember when I got the printout from the secretary, I brought it to the special course I was then teaching on Case Closed and Case Open, and showed it to the students who I believe were impressed with its magnitude.

Thanks for sending that copy of a recent speech Edward Kennedy gave. It certainly made a lot more sense than 95% of the news these days which focuses on the silly Republican primary campaign. I listened to about an hour of the Republican candidates "debate" here in South Carolina on our local public radio station. They sounded like kids arguing on the playground. I am enclosing a recent column of Molly Ivins you might enjoy in which she takes on Mr. Forbes and his flat tax scheme.

I have been in touch with Dennis and we have gotten as far as dividing up responsibilities regarding expanding our JFK paper into a book. At present, we plan to start fleshing out some chapters to the extent that we can given our teaching loads, etc. But we both know at some point we both will have to come to Frederick to talk with you and do some more digging in your files. We hope that can be soon, but at this point it is not certain when that could be. And I would also like to bring Hanh-Trang and the kids along on my next trip.

Hanh-Trang is making serious plans for a trip to Vietnam this May with three of her brothers and a sister-in-law. She sent in her passport application last week. I hope I will be able to make the trip with her before too long. Concerning her job, she is currently trying to work out a deal to go part-time rather than quit altogether this summer. In recent weeks she has gotten some strong support from a couple of the doctors and the director of nursing, so her new boss has backed off and not been as belligerent as he was in the beginning.

I hope you and Lillian are bearing up under this tough winter. In South Carolina we have been on a roller coaster the past couple weeks. It went from 81° to a high of 35° last week! Take care.

Best Wishes,

